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Six inducted into Newspaper Hall of Fame

Missouri Press Association inducted six people—the 21st group—into the Missouri Newspaper Hall of Fame on Sept. 9 during the Association's 145th Annual Convention, which was held at the Hilton Convention Center in Branson. Ellen Sweets and her brother, Fred, at left in the photo, accepted the Hall of Fame Pinnacle Award for their parents, the late Nathaniel and Melba Sweets, early publisher and editor of *The St. Louis American*. Other inductees were Ron Jennings, center, a retired longtime reporter and feature writer for *The Sedalia Democrat*; Don Warden, longtime publisher of the *Gasconade County Republican* in Owensville; and Doug Davis, publisher with his wife, Rayma, since 1985 of the *Lamar Democrat*. The other inductee was the late Norman J. Colman, the "dean of agricultural journalism" and the second president of the Missouri Press Association, in 1870-71.

Thanks for successful Convention

Presenting awards provided two favorite moments

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 145th annual Convention a success. We had a great Convention with more than 340 registered for all or part of the meetings, including 190 for the awards luncheon on Saturday.

The facilities were superb, and there was a good mix of programs that appealed to weeklies and dailies alike. Mix in an appearance from “Elvis” and a Mizzou football watch party and you have created a recipe for success.

If you asked 20 people what they liked the best you would possibly get 20 different answers.

Some would tell you the technology and innovations panel moderated by Mike Jenner and consisting of Jane Haslag, Jefferson City; Jeff McNiell, Houston; John Rust, Cape Girardeau; and Andy Waters, Columbia, was the highlight.

Others might tell you about Tim Smith’s fast-paced presentation on Sales by the Numbers.

Sammy Papert entertained with an insightful discussion of “The Things I Believe About Newspapers.” Ken Blum gave us “101 Easy Ways to Boost Your Bottom Line.” Others would tell you the Hall of Fame banquet was the highlight.

I had two favorite moments. The first was presenting a President’s Award to my friend Hank Waters, and the second was presenting a Hall of Fame Pinnacle Award to Ron Jennings, a retired reporter and feature writer for *The Sedalia Democrat*.

The Better Newspaper Contest Awards Luncheon had a good crowd, and it was a pleasure to help recognize talented journalists young and old for their efforts.

The winner of this year’s Edward L. Steele scholarship is Hannah Spaar of Odessa. Hannah and her family have a long history with Missouri Press Association.

Her grandmother, Betty Spaar, publisher of *The Odessan*, was president of MPA in 1988. Her uncle, John Spaar, was president in 2005, and her father, Joe Spaar, is a member of

the MPA Board of Directors.

Hannah, a junior at the Missouri School of Journalism, has been writing a weekly column for *The Odessan* for more than a decade.

Thank you again for attending this year’s Convention. As we have said many times before, your investment will be returned several times in revenue ideas and cost savings.



If you did not make it to the Convention this year, start planning for the 2012 Convention to be held Sept. 20-22 in Columbia. You’ll be glad you did.

You don’t have to wait until then to get some great community newspaper training. You can still register for the FREE Community Newspapers Workshop Thursday-Friday, Oct. 20-21, in Columbia.

The Missouri School of Journalism and the Missouri Press Association have put together a program for newspaper publishers and editors titled “Community Newspapers: Tomorrow has arrived. How to take charge of the opportunities for success in the print and digital world.” Register with Janet Jensen at the School: jensenja@missouri.edu; 573-882-8694.

The program will be held at the Reynolds Journalism Institute in Columbia. It will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday so you can drive in, and will end early enough Friday that you can get home to cover your football games.

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Conger will be 2012 President

Publisher is third generation owner of *Bethany Republican-Clipper*

Missouri Press Association (MPA) members elected the publisher of the *Bethany Republican-Clipper* as their 2012 president. MPA held its election in Branson Sept. 9, during its 145th annual Convention.

Philip Conger has been publisher of

the *Republican-Clipper* since the death of his father, Vincent Conger, in 1978. He is the third generation of his family to publish the weekly newspaper.

His grandfather, Erwin Conger, moved to Bethany from Unionville to purchase and consolidate the *Republican*

and *Clipper* in 1927.

Conger is a 1968 graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism. His wife, Kathy, also a graduate of MU, is the advertising manager of the newspaper. Their daughter, Rachel Conger, another graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism, is the design director of the *Albuquerque Journal*.

Here are the officers and directors elected by the MPA. Their terms will begin Jan. 1.

- 2012 MPA President, Phil Conger, *Bethany Republican-Clipper*.

- First Vice President, Mark Maassen, *The Kansas City Star*.

- Second Vice President, Kate Martin, *Perryville Perry County Republic-Monitor*.

- Secretary, Shelly Arth, *Marshall Democrat-News*.

- Treasurer, Steve Curd, *The Examiner*, Independence.

- Directors for three-year terms: Brad Gentry, *Houston Herald*; and Bill Miller, Jr., *Washington Missourian*.

- Director for one-year term: Jeff Schrag, *Springfield Daily Events*.

- Trevor Vernon, *Eldon Advertiser*, was elected as the National Newspaper Association state chairman.

Continuing on the MPA Board in 2012 will be directors Richard Gard, *St. Louis Daily Record*; Joe Spaar, *The Odessa Odessan*; Jon Rust, *Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian*; Dennis Warden, *Owensville Gasconade County Republican*; and Jim Robertson, *Columbia Daily Tribune*.

Joe May, *Mexico Ledger*, will serve as immediate past president in 2012.

MPA Director Linda Geist, *Monroe City Lake Gazette*, has sold her newspaper and will retire from the Board at the end of 2011 with one year remaining in her term of office. Jeff Schrag was elected to fill that one-year term.



MPA President Joe May, center, receives the President's Gavel from 2010 MPA President Kevin Jones during the ceremonial passing of the gavel at the Hall of Fame banquet on Sept. 9. Eighteen past MPA presidents participated in the gavel passing. May passed the gavel on to Phil Conger, left, Bethany, whose term as 2012 MPA president will begin Jan. 1. May's wife, Phyllis, is seated at right. Below, Chuck Haney, Chillicothe, asks for bids on the Carl Edwards photo book being held by Greg Baker, left, MPA ad director, during the Foundation auction. MPA Executive Director Doug Crews, right, assisted with the auction. The auction and a call to the audience for \$25 donations to the Foundation generated more than \$2,600. Haney, a former publisher, has been the auctioneer and Hall of Fame induction master of ceremonies since the Hall was founded in 1991. He was inducted into the Hall in 2008.





Above, newspaper consultant Ken Blum, right, presents the cases for and against the future of print newspapers. "Judge" Bill Miller Jr. of the *Washington Missourian* presided over the session at the MPA Convention. The audience, acting as the jury, returned a verdict giving newspapers life beyond the year 2020. Blum presented four sessions at the Convention in Branson. His other sessions were on increasing revenue, photography, and "group therapy" for community newspapers. Below, Marty Goodnight, left, of the *Springfield News-Leader*; Jane Haberberger of the *Washington Missourian* and Kevin Jones of *The St. Louis American* vote on the Best Advertising Idea offered after their panel presentation on advertising ideas.



Above, Jean Maneke, MPA's legal hotline counselor, talks about intellectual property, copyright and other legal issues involving newspapers at a Friday morning Convention session. Attorney Jay Dade joined Maneke in the presentation.



Above, MPA President Joe May presented plaques and \$200 checks to the Young Journalists of the Year, from the left, Dustin Henggeler, *Nodaway News Leader*, Maryville; Miranda Wycoff, *Lee's Summit Journal*; and Sarah West, the *Bolivar Herald-Free Press*. At left, visiting after the Friday lunch presentation by Sammy Papert, right, are, from the left, David Stringer, the new publisher at the *Hannibal Courier-Post*; Dave Berry, *Bolivar Herald-Free Press*; Jack Whitaker, former publisher in Hannibal; and Steve Curd, publisher of the *Independence Examiner*.



Above, Carol Stark, editor of *The Joplin Globe*, visits with Brigadier Gen. J. Marty Robinson of the Missouri National Guard, who spoke at Friday lunch at the Convention. Stark has been working closely with the Guard since the May 22 tornado destroyed a third of Joplin. Stark and *Globe* publisher Michael Beatty received a President's Award from MPA President Joe May in recognition of their paper's work since the tornado. Top right, Andy Waters of the *Columbia Daily Tribune* visits with Mark Maassen, center, of *The Kansas City Star*, and Richard Gard of Missouri Lawyers Media, St. Louis. Right center, Jeff Schrag of the *Springfield Daily Events* served his own Mother's Brewery beers at the Mizzou game watch party after the Hall of Fame Banquet. Schrag's brewery started operations this year and is working hard to meet demand, he reports.



Above, golfers prepare to putt during the MPA outing Sept. 8 at the Payne Stewart Golf Club in Branson. This foursome, one of the six in the outing, consists of, from left, Bill James, *Warrensburg Daily Star-Journal*; Steve Curd, *Independence Examiner*; Wendell Lenhart, *Trenton Republican-Times*; and Mark Maassen, *The Kansas City Star*. John Spaar of Odessa took this picture. At left, Donna Osborne, right, editor of the *Christian County Headliner News* in Ozark, holds the newspaper flags quilt she won in the Foundation drawing at the Convention. Dawn Kitchell, left, MPA's Newspaper In Education and Foundation services director, coordinated the quilt raffle project, which raised more than \$4,000. Kitchell's mother made the quilt.



Newspaper consultant Tim Smith, standing at left in the top photo, presented two Friday sessions at the Convention. His morning session was "Sales by the Numbers," in which he explained his formula for successful selling. In the afternoon he talked about "Sales Time and Territory Management." This was a repeat performance for Smith in Missouri this year. He spoke at the April meeting of the Missouri Advertising Managers' Association in Kansas City. At left, Matt Daugherty, left, of Smithville/Kearney/Liberty; MPA Executive Director Doug Crews and Warrensburg publisher Bill James visit during the Mizzou football watch party on Friday night after the Hall of Fame banquet.

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Scrapbook

• **Washington** — *The Missourian* solicited members for its My MO youth page for the new school year. To be eligible, youths must be 13-18 years old or in seventh through 12th grade and live in any Franklin County school district or be home schooled.

Paul Hackbarth edits the My MO program for *The Missourian*. He met with prospective My MO staffers at an open house at the Photojournalism Hall of Fame in Washington on Aug. 24.

• **Cape Girardeau** — A similar effort by the *Southeast Missourian* sought Jr. Reporters to write at least one article every month for the *Southeast Missourian Jr.* The paper and Tracker, the *Southeast Missouri Jr.*'s dog mascot, sought at least one reporter from every school.

• **Cameron** — Cameron Newspapers has started a project called Pictorial History Book to gather and archive photos of Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess and DeKalb counties.

Readers are encouraged to submit digital photos for the History Book or to bring in photos to be scanned on the spot and returned immediately.

In a column about the project, *News Observer* general manager D'Anna Balliett wrote, "If we do not help to tell our own story, we risk losing the story, known history, and the details. It is the sharing of those photographs that will help carry the story of our past to our future generations.

"From great-great-grandmother's treasured photos from 100 years ago to snapshots of last week, it is all history. A history our future generations will thank us for preserving."

• **Hannibal** — *The Courier-Post* gave the Hannibal Booster Club 900 posters of the high school football team to be sold by the booster club as a fund-raiser for Project Graduation. Local businesses helped sponsor the project.

• **Humansville** — The *Star Leader* held a Chili Cook-off on Sept. 17 during the Humansville Fall Festival.

Festival attendees judged by purchasing tickets to vote for their favorite chili. First-, second- and third-place prizes were awarded.

• **Hannibal** — The Aug. 25 front page of the *Courier-Post* won GateHouse Media's front page of the day honor.

The page featured a photo illustration of Hannibal's Baseball Hall of Famer Jake Beckley and his downtown memorial.

Journalist Dominic Genetti sketched the illustration and took the pictures of the memorial. The photo of Beckley was provided by the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Donnelly Oppy, the *Courier-Post's* creative designer, put the image together, and night editor Deanne St. Johns added the story to the illustration.

Beckley is Major League Baseball's all-time leader for putouts at first base.

• **Hermitage** — The Aug. 31 issue of *The Index* contained a 24-page section with historical information about the development of the Pomme de Terre Dam and Reservoir.

The information came from more than 60 years of stories in *The Index* dating back to the planning, funding and building of the Hickory County project.

In a brief story introducing the section, *The Index* said, "The world of the newspaper has changed from moveable type to hot lead, from photo sensitive paper output to digital imaging. And while the technology has changed, the task remains the same—to record for the present and for posterity the who, what, when, where, why and how of the people it serves. Enjoy."

• **Liberty** — After years of using youth carriers to deliver 118 routes, the *Liberty Tribune* early in September switched to mail delivery. The paper cited increasing difficulty recruiting and keeping youth carriers.

• **Lee's Summit** — Threatening weather moved *The Journal's* Aug. 12 celebration of its 130th year inside the

paper's warehouse. About 140 people attended the community picnic, a thank-you for their support.

Journal circulation manager John McCall donned a trash-bag poncho and continued to grill hotdogs in the rain. Guests also ate chips and cake and entered a drawing for a subscription to the newspaper.

• **Sedalia** — *Democrat* editor Bob Satnan won the people's choice award for side dish with his Blackhawk Salad at a recent United Way cooking competition fundraiser.

• **Joplin** — The *Tri-State Business Journal* joined local agencies and businesses to present the Rebuild Joplin Businesses Expo 2011 on Sept. 15-16.

A slate of seminars and exhibits provided the backdrop for agencies, businesses and organizations involved with reviving, rebuilding, reconnecting and celebrating Joplin's future after the May 22 tornado that destroyed a third of the city.

• **Troy** — Veteran *Lincoln County Journal* reporter Bob Simmons will be the target of verbal barbs at the Lincoln County Historical Society's annual roast on Oct. 1.

Proceeds from the event will be used for the restoration and upkeep of Britton House in Troy. It is one of the oldest homes in Lincoln County.

In addition to the light-hearted jabs at Simmons, roasters will recognize his substantial contributions to the community.

• **Willard** — The *Cross Country Times* in Willard and the *Commonwealth* in Ash Grove, both published by Laura Scott, have launched a joint website, commonwealthtimes.com.

• **Sedalia** — During the State Fair, *The Sedalia Democrat* had a booth in the Mathewson Exhibition Center. Fairgoers could have their photos taken and placed on a free souvenir front page of the newspaper.

• **Webster** — The *Webster-Kirkwood Times* and the *South County Times* presented \$1,000 scholarships to two area students this summer.

Stephanie Stough of Fenton is majoring in media communications at Webster University. John Owen of Des Peres is a major in advertising and marketing communications, with a certificate in web design, at Webster.

The two were among a dozen students who received scholarships at the Press Club of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Matt Beezley of Fenton received the Press Club/*St. Louis Post-Dispatch* David Lipman Scholarship. Katherine Moritz of Kirkwood received a scholarship from the Missouri Professional Communicators.

• **Warrenton** — *Warren County Record* editor Tim Schmidt portrayed editor George Bartholomaeus in a presentation on Sept. 12 of the story of a double murder and the ensuing trial and execution that occurred in the early 1900s.

Schmidt and two others — portraying the sheriff and prosecuting attorney in the case — told the story of the 1903 murder as a fund-raiser for the Warren County Museum in the Belle Starr Theatre in Warrenton. The trio used photos, newspaper headlines, court documents and other material related to the event.

Bartholomaeus was the editor of the *Warrenton Herald* newspaper, which carried the story of the murders of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yeater, the manhunt and capture of the suspect, the trial and hanging in the courthouse square in 1907.

• **Richmond** — *The Richmond News* and other businesses teamed up to help the Saving Our Animals Richmond (SOAR) organization overcome a shortage of pet food and kitty litter.

SOAR works with another animal rescue group and the city animal shelter to rescue and find homes for animals. Since SOAR started in 2010, no homeless pet has been euthanized by the city, the newspaper reported.

• **Albany** — *The Albany Ledger* has a new online edition available by 5 p.m. Wednesday. Readers can get the digital edition for \$22 per year.

• **Washington** — Missourian Publishing Co.'s sixth annual Run to Read to promote reading and fitness will be held

Neosho classified ad rep a dirt track warrior on weekends

By **TODD G. HIGDON** / Neosho Daily News

GRANBY—At an early age, Janette Murphy went to sleep listening to the dirt track races. Now, she is a dirt track racer. “I got interested in the sport when I was about 9,” she said. “I lived in Monett and went to sleep on Sunday nights listening to them. It is a dream come true. I always wanted to race, but never thought it would ever happen, especially being a girl.”

Murphy, a classified ad rep at the *Neosho Daily News*, has been racing for the past two years. Each Sunday night she races in the Pro Stock division at Monett Speedway and has also raced in Springfield. “It is a rush to drive,” Murphy said. “For me, I enjoy doing things that are a challenge just to prove to myself I can do it.”

The Monett Speedway is a 3/8-mile, semi-banked clay oval track. Now in its 41st year of operation, the speedway is the oldest running dirt track around.

Murphy’s car is a 1984 Monte Carlo with a 360 engine that is pure stock division. The number on her car is 70, which has a couple of meanings. The first is the year she was born, and ironically, is also the same year the Monett Speedway opened. The 70 is painted in pink, which has a couple of meanings.

“Pink is my favorite color, but also it is for breast cancer awareness,” she said.

The rest of the car is painted black except for the roll bars, which are pink.

Asked what goes through her mind when she races, Murphy said, “Getting first of course, but also concentrating on where the best lane is on the track — at the bottom, top — wherever my car handles best,” she said. “Making sure I’m setting my car at the right time before the corners so that I don’t lose positions or spin out.”

Murphy said there is a lot of preparation that goes into each race.

“Each week, I wash the mud off and if anything breaks during the race, we have to fix it during the week,” she said. “Then we check everything else out on the car, refuel it, load it on the trailer and load extra tires, tools, water, the jack and everything we might need at the track onto the trailer. Then after the race Sunday night, we come home, unload everything — the car, the trailer — and start over again.”

In 2010, Murphy was ranked among the top five drivers and received the Rookie of the Year plaque. Currently, she is second in points out of 21 drivers.

Since she began racing, she has had a couple of fender benders and a couple of times ran off the end of the track.

“But nothing major,” Murphy added.

Racing runs in the family. Her husband, Tim, raced for five or six years. So did Tim’s father, Donald Murphy, his brother and his nephew.

Racing has become a hobby for other women.

“Each track I’ve went to usually has one or two women that race,” she said. “At Monett, we currently have three.”

“I wash the mud off, and if anything breaks during the race, we have to fix it during the week.”

Oct. 8. Every participant, regardless of age, receives a book of their choosing. They'll also get to meet children's author and illustrator Josh Schneider.

The event offers a 5K run through downtown Washington, a one-mile walk around Lions Lake and a Baby Buzz Dash for those age 5 and younger.

The event is organized by the *Missourian* and the Four Rivers Area Family YMCA in Washington.

• **Cassville** — "Connection" magazine was the host for the Sept. 16 quarterly luncheon of the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce at the Barry County Museum.

The magazine, launched in December 2009 by the *Cassville Democrat* and *The Monett Times*, has increased from 44 pages to 68 pages.

Staffers of both newspapers, nine freelance writers and six freelance photographers contribute to the magazine, which is about the people, places and pastimes of southwest Missouri.

3 will be inducted Oct. 20 into Photojournalism Hall

Three award-winning photojournalists will be inducted into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame in Washington, Mo., on Thursday, Oct. 20. The program will begin at 4 p.m., followed by a reception.

The Photojournalism Hall of Fame was founded in 2005. The seventh group of inductees consists of: Cliff Schiappa, a former photographer and assistant bureau chief for The Associated Press; J.B. Forbes, chief photographer for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*; and Alan Berner, a Missouri native and award-winning staff photographer for *The Seattle Times* for three decades.

Those wishing to attend the program should contact the Missouri Press Association at (573) 449-4167.

Information about the Photojournalism Hall of Fame and previous inductees can be seen at mopress.com/Photojournalism_HOF.php.

• **Cliff Schiappa** began a 23-year career with the Associated Press in 1984. He has served on the Photojournalism Hall of Fame Committee since the first photojournalists were inducted in 2005.

• Since 1975, **J.B. "James" Forbes** has been at the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. He has traveled to 27 countries covering wars, earthquakes and conflicts. Forbes was on the team covering the Kirkwood City Hall shootings in 2008 that was a Pulitzer Prize finalist.

• **Alan Berner**, a photographer at the *Seattle Times* for three decades, was a contributor to *The Seattle Times'* 2010 Pulitzer Prize in Breaking News.

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On the Move

• **Festus** — Pam LaPlant, a Festus native and a 37-year veteran of newspapers, has succeeded Patrick Martin as publisher of Leader Publications. Martin will remain with the company part-time as editorial page editor and columnist.



Pam LaPlant

LaPlant, 54, took over on Sept. 1.

She started working in the newspaper business when she was attending St. Pius High School in Crystal City. She worked in the accounting department of the *Daily News-Democrat*, then went to work in the business offices of Jefferson County Newspapers and the Suburban Journals.

In 1994 LaPlant became one of the founding partners of Leader Publications and has served as its business manager since then.

She lives in Festus with her daughter.

• **Lee's Summit** — Ramsey Fowler, 17, a senior at Lee's Summit West High School, has joined the *Lee's Summit Tribune* to write a weekly column about current events told from an informed teenager's point of view.

These columns reflect Ramsey's conservative viewpoint and examine the state of affairs young Americans face. He also includes updates and ideas from his "Teen Party" and fields questions from readers.



Ramsey Fowler

Publisher Linda Ahern reports that Ramsey's addition to the staff has resulted in more than 25 new subscribers and many letters to the editor.

"Our Facebook page has grown to more than 2,830 friends, and I'm asked around town, where did I find such a remarkable young student," Ahern said.

• **Carthage** — David Hoover, who

has worked in Southwest Missouri newsrooms for the past nine years, has left *The Carthage Press* for a job in Miami, Okla. Hoover has worked as a reporter, photographer and page designer at *The Big Nickel*, *The Neosho Daily News* and *The Carthage Press*.

• **Savannah** — David Thies has returned to writing city council and school board news for the *Savannah Reporter*. He previously worked for the weekly from 2002 to 2009.

Thies, a native of southwest Iowa, has worked at the *St. Joseph Telegraph* and in 1985-87 he was the managing editor of the *Times-Tribune* in Grant City.

• **Jefferson City**

— Mike Johns became the circulation director of the *News Tribune* in June. He began his newspaper career 11 years ago as a district circulation manager for the *St. Joseph News-Press*.



Mike Johns

Johns then went to the *Lawrence Journal-World* in Kansas, where he held different positions in the circulation department.

Johns has been active with the Midwest Circulation Management Association. He has served as a president of MCMA and currently is the chairman of the board of directors.

He and his wife, Heather, have two sons.

• **Eldon** — Janet Brown, 32, Eldon, is the new ad sales rep for the *Eldon Advertiser* and the *Miller County Autogram-Sentinel* of Tuscumbia.

Brown has three children and is married to George Brown.

• **Oregon** — Deavon Younger, a native of Oregon, has joined the staff of the *Times Observer*. She is a 1998 graduate of South Holt High School.

She has worked at South Holt School as a paraprofessional, at McBee Photography as a receptionist and has taught

preschool.

She is married to Brad Younger.

• **Richmond** — Cristin Walters has left *The Richmond News* to complete her master's degree by student teaching at Lee's Summit West High School.

Walters joined *The News* in May 2010 as an intern and later became a regular staffer for the paper.

• **Excelsior Springs** — *The Standard* has added high school sophomore Cole Sales to its news team to take sports photos and, on occasion, to write.

Sales, 15, is taking journalism classes at Excelsior Springs High School. He plans to study photojournalism at the Missouri School of Journalism.

• **Carthage** — Sept. 2 was the last day at *The Carthage Press* for circulation director Amy Olinger. She took a job at Americold in Carthage after working for the newspaper for six years.

Obituaries

Fort Dodge, Iowa

Ruth Stevens

Ruth M. Stevens, 92, Fort Dodge, Iowa, the mother of Paul Stevens, former Kansas City AP bureau chief, died Aug. 27, 2011.

Other survivors are her husband, Walter; a daughter, another son, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Stevens' husband was editor and publisher of the *Excelsior Springs Standard* in the late 1940s. He became managing editor of the *The Messenger* in Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1954, and retired there in 1998.

Kansas City

Franklin Reynolds

Franklin E. Reynolds, 75, Kansas City, a retired editor for *The Sedalia Democrat* and *The Kansas City Star*, died Sept. 16, 2011.

Mr. Reynolds is survived by a son, two daughters, two sisters and seven grandchildren.

Better Newspaper Contest winners

Instead of presenting Gold Cups to the one daily and one weekly newspaper that earned the most points in its Better Newspaper Contest, the Missouri Press Foundation on Sept. 10 presented Gold Medal Plaques to four weekly newspapers and three dailies that won the most points in their circulation classes.

Contest awards were presented during the 145th Annual Missouri Press Association Convention, held Sept. 8-10 in the Branson Convention Center.

Winners of the Gold Medal Plaques in the Weeklies Division were: Class 1 (0-2,000 circulation), *Republic Monitor*; Class 2 (2,001-4,000), *Christian County Headliner*; Class 3 (4,001-8,000), *Lee's Summit Journal*; Class 4 (8,001 and over), *St. Louis Business Journal*.

Gold Medal winners in the Dailies Division were: Class 1 (0-5,000 circulation) *Daily Star-Journal*, Warrensburg; Class 2 (5,001-15,000), *Columbia Missourian*; Class 3 (15,001 and over) *The Kansas City Star*.

Members of the Virginia Press Association judged this year's entries on June 17 in Richmond.

Here are the results, by class, in each category. Unlisted categories had no entries or no awards were presented. In some categories, the judges did not award all places. Results can be found online at mopress.com/BNC.php.

Weeklies, Class 1

(Gold Medal: Republic Monitor)

1. **General Excellence**—1: New Haven Leader-Buck Collier.
2. **Best Front-to-Back Newspaper Design**—HM: North Stoddard Countian.

3. **Best Front Page**—1: Republic Monitor. 2: New Haven Leader. 3: North Stoddard Countian.

5. **Best News Story**—HM: Excelsior Springs Standard-Kristin Rulon, Child Nutrition.

6. **Best Feature Story**—3: N. Stoddard Countian-Corey Noles, Idalia man.

7. **Best News or Feature Series**—3: Rich Hill Mining Review-Jerry Pfeifer, Glory.

9-H. **Best Columnist-Humorous**—HM: Rich

10-N. **Best News Photograph**—1: N. Stoddard Countian-Corey Noles, Battles Five. 2: Shelbina Weekly-Mark Requet, Crumbling Down. 3: Republic Monitor, Fire Destroys.

10-S. **Best Sports Photograph**—1: Republic Monitor, Number One. 2: Shelbina Weekly-Mark Requet, Flying High. 3: Republic Monitor-Rodger Wheeler, Tip-Off.

11. **Best Photo Package**—1: North Stoddard Countian-Corey Noles, Remember. 2: N. Stoddard Countian-Corey Noles, Easter Egg Hunt. 3: N. Stoddard Countian-Corey Noles, Memorial Day.

13. **Best News Content**—2: North Stoddard Countian.

18. **Best Sports Feature Story**—1: Republic Monitor-Rodger Wheeler, Loud and Clear.

19. **Best Sports Columnist**—1: Republic Monitor-Rodger Wheeler.

20. **Best Special Section**—1: Republic Monitor, Pumpkin Daze. 2: Republic Monitor-Rodger Wheeler/Cheryl (Johns) Maddox, 2010 Fall.

24. **Best Coverage of Government**—2: The Pointe-Michael Gillespie, Municipalized Trash. 3: The Pointe-Christopher Fischer, Solid Waste. HM: Republic Monitor-Ryan Squibb, Time to Vote.

29. **Best Outdoors Story**—1: Republic Monitor-Rodger Wheeler, Catch of a Lifetime.

30. **Best Story About History**—1: The Pointe-Michael Gillespie, Old 40 Highway.

33. **Best Page Design**—1: Weekly Record, Veterans Park.

34. **Best Information Graphic**—2: Republic Monitor,



Before the Hall of Fame Banquet started at the MPA Convention in Branson, some of the guests looked at the Better Newspaper Contest display of winners. These guests from St. Louis are, from left, Fred Sweets, Michael Dutton, Dr. Donald M. Suggs and Jimmy Jeeter. Dr. Suggs is the publisher of *The St. Louis American*. The group attended the banquet to honor Hall of Fame inductees the late Nathaniel and Melba Sweets, who were named publisher and editor of *The American* a few years after its founding in 1928. Fred Sweets, the son of the inductees, and his sister, Ellen, accepted the Pinnacle Award for their parents.

Hill Mining Review-Jerry Pfeifer.

10-F. **Best Feature Photograph**—1: Excelsior Springs Standard-Kristin Rulon. 2: North Stoddard Countian-Corey Noles. 3: Excelsior Springs Standard-Skyla McKown.

10-I. **Best Photo Illustration**—1: Republic Monitor-Cheryl (Johns) Maddox and Rodger Wheeler. 2: Republic Monitor-Ryan Squibb and Cheryl (Johns) Maddox, Who Knew?

School Traffic.

Weeklies, Division 2

(Gold Medal: Christian Co. Headliner News)

1. **General Excellence**—1: Christian County Headliner News. 2: Platte County Landmark. 3: Smithville Herald.

2. **Best Front-to-Back Newspaper Design**
1: Christian County Headliner News. 2: Kearney Courier. 3: Smithville Herald.



These are representatives of weekly newspapers that won awards in the contest.

3. Best Front Page—1: Christian County Headliner News. 2: Ozark County Times. 3: Smithville Herald. HM: Lawrence County Record.

4. Best Breaking News Story—1: Gasconade County Republican, Dave Marner, Ernie Adams. 2: Gasconade County Republican, Dave Marner, West Fatality Fire. 3: Lee's Summit Tribune, Debbie Van Pelt, Woman Dies.

5. Best News Story—1: Green Park Call, Evan Young, Recycling Everything. 2: Belton Star Herald, Allen Edmonds, 4-22 Rinehat. 3: Smithville Herald, Nancy Rigdon, Fresh Start.

6. Best Feature Story—1: Clinton County Leader, Becky Black, Cancer Awareness. 2: Christian County Headliner News, Amelia Wigton, Underage Soldier. 3: Smithville Herald, Nancy Rigdon, Kidney Donation. HM: Christian County Headliner News, Emily Hoffman, Sister. HM: Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins, Wolfie.

7. Best News or Feature Series—1: Christian County Headliner News, Emily Hoffman and Amelia Wigton, Graduation. 2: Ozark County Times, Sue Ann Jones, Our Veterans. 3: Smithville Herald, Nancy Rigdon, Neighbors. HM: Ozark County Times, Sue Ann Jones, Grishams.

8. Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial—1: Gasconade County Republican, McBride Assault. 2: Christian County Headliner News, Photo ordinance. 3: Cassville Democrat, Newspaper.

9-H. Best Columnist-Humorous—1: Lawrence County Record, Virginia Oehlschlager. 2: Christian County Headliner News, Donna Osborn. 3: Press-News Journal, Dan Steinbeck.

9-S. Best Columnist-Serious—1: Green Park Call, Mike Anthony. 2: Kearney Courier, Ray Weikal. 3: Christian County Headliner News,

Donna Osborn.

10-F. Best Feature Photograph—1: Christian County Headliner News, Brady Brite, Bank Tavern. 2: Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins, Lifetime Farmer. 3: Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins, Cold Comfort. HM: Belton Star Herald, Allen Edmonds, Dec. 9.

10-I. Best Photo Illustration—1: Christian County Headliner News, Amelia Wigton, Tightens Belt. 2: Ozark County Times, Bruce Roberts, Wild Weather.

10-N. Best News Photograph—1: Belton Star Herald, Allen Edmonds, 6-10. 2: Christian County Headliner News, Brady Brite, House Fire. 3: McDonald County Press, Rick Peck, Blood Eye.

10-S. Best Sports Photograph—1: Smithville Herald, Matt Frye, Comeback. 2: Newton County News, Chad Hayworth, David Bird. 3: Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins, Beaned. HM: Christian County Headliner News, Brady Brite, Brawl Winners. HM: Clinton County Leader, Brett Adkison, Intense Hurdles.

11. Best Photo Package—1: Belton Star Herald, Allen Edmonds, Fools. 2: Gasconade County Republican, Dave Marner, Corn Harvest. 3: Kearney Courier, Kyle Rivas, Janey's Ride. HM: Belton Star Herald, Allen Edmonds, Carver. HM: Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins, Oldest Farmer.

12-A. Best Ad Idea or Promotion of an Advertisement—Lawrence County Record, Business Builders.

13. Best News Content—1: Christian County Headliner News. 2: Pleasant Hill Times. 3: Belton Star Herald.

14. Community Service Award—1: Gasconade County Republican, Exit Strategy. 2: Clinton County Leader, Black History Event. 3: Lee's Summit Tribune, Pumpkin Party.

15. Best Editorial Pages—1: Lawrence County Record. 2: Platte County Landmark. 3: Gasconade County Republican.

16. Best Sports Section—1: Kearney Courier. 2: Smithville Herald. 3: Belton Star Herald.

17. Best Sports News Story or Package—1: Belton Star Herald, Taylor Freburg, In Second. 2: Cedar County Republican, Adam Stillman, Look Forward. 3: Belton Star Herald, Ben Felder, Senior Moment.

18. Best Sports Feature Story—1: Smithville Herald, Cindy Meyer, Pitch Perfect. 2: Cedar County Republican, Adam Stillman, "Daves...". 3: Belton Star Herald, Taylor Freberg, Feasting.

19. Best Sports Columnist—1: Smithville Herald, Andy Meyer. 2: Kearney Courier, Bill Knust. 3: Belton Star Herald, Taylor Freburg.

20. Best Special Section—1: Cedar County Republican, Our Kids. 2: Christian County Headliner News, Graduation. 3: Lawrence County Record, Smalltown America.

21. Best Investigative Reporting—1: Christian County Headliner News, Amelia Wigton, Emergency Response. 2: Christian County Headliner News, Brady Brite and Amelia Wigton, Raw Milk. 3: Christian County Headliner News, Donna Osborn, Food.

22. Best Local Business Coverage—HM: Kearney Courier.

23 Best Business Story 1: Christian County

Headliner News, Brady Brite, Movies. 2: Kearney Courier, Kevin Smith and Mark Johnson, Romances. 3: Belton Star Herald, Allen Edmonds, Dryden.

24. **Best Coverage of Government**—1: Smithville Herald, Boil Order. 2: Kearney Courier, Pilot Traffic. 3: Kearney Courier, Education.

25. **Best Coverage of Rural/Agriculture**—1: Lawrence County Record. 2: Gasconade County Republican.

26. **Best Story About Rural Life/Agriculture**—1: Christian County Headliner News, Brady Brite, Tempers. 2: Kearney Courier, Ray Weikal, Growing Change. 3: The Vandalia Leader, Ron Schott, Helping Farmers.

27. **Best Story About Religion**—2: Lawrence County Record, Charlie Meeks, Off to Africa.

28. **Best Story About Education**—1: Kearney Courier, Ray Weikal, Small Wins. 2: Christian County Headliner News, Brady Brite, Power of I. 3: Kearney Courier, Ray Weikal, High Status. HM: Gasconade County Republican, Dave Marner, Test Scores. HM: Green Park Call, Mike Anthony, Lindbergh Board.

29. **Best Story About the Outdoors**—1: Lawrence County Record, Charlie Meeks, Tree Farmer. 2: Christian County Headliner News, Amelia Wigton, White-Nose. 3: Christian County Headliner News, Amelia Wigton, Caves.

30. **Best Story About History**—1: Lawrence County Record, Kathy Fairchild, Ice. 2: Lawrence County Record, Charlie Meeks, Britain Mill. 3: Christian County Headliner News, Brady Brite, Living History.

31. **Best Coverage of Family Living**—1: Smithville Herald.

32. **Best Coverage of Young People**—1: Cedar County Republican. 2: Lee's Summit Tribune. 3: Smithville Herald.

33. **Best Page Design**—1: Christian County Headliner News, Emily Hoffman, Sidewalks. 2: Christian County Headliner News, Emily Hoffman, Fair. 3: Smithville Herald, Amy Neal, Good Times.

34. **Best Information Graphic**—1: Christian County Headliner News, Adam Letterman, State Of. 2: Platte County Landmark, Matthew Silber, Border Players.

35. **Best Editorial Cartoon**—1: Platte County

Landmark, Matthew Silber, Raw Sewage.

37. **Best Online Newspaper or Website**—1: Clinton County Leader. 2: Green Park Call, Jason Lasher, Evan Young.

38. **Best Video**—2: Gasconade County Republican, Dennis Warden, Homecoming. 3: Lee's Summit Tribune, Pearl Harbor.

39. **Best Headline Writing**—1: Lawrence County Record. 2: Kearney Courier.

Weeklies Class 3

(Gold Medal: Lee's Summit Journal)

1. **General Excellence**—1: Branson Tri-Lakes News. 2: Springfield Business Journal. 3: Lee's Summit Journal.



These people represent weekly newspapers that won Gold Medal plaques.

2. **Best Overall Design**—1: Springfield Business Journal. 2: Branson Tri-Lakes News. 3: Cass County Democrat-Missourian. HM: Houston Herald.

3. **Best Front Page**—1: Jackson County Advocate. 2: Marshfield Mail. 3: Lee's Summit Journal.

4. **Best Breaking News Story**—2: Lee's Summit Journal, Emily Jerrett, Found Dead. 3: Lee's Summit Journal, Miranda Wycoff, Best Downtown.

5. **Best News Story**—1: Jackson County Advocate, Mary Kay Morrow, Safety Concerns. 2: Houston Herald, Hospital Financing. 3: Jackson Co. Advocate, Seann McAnally, Fixing Foreclosures. HM: Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Ashley Freburg, Toddler Found. HM: Lee's Summit Journal, Miranda Wycoff, Absentee Mayor.

6. **Best Feature Story** —1: Lee's Summit Journal, Miranda Wycoff, Miss Lee's Summit. 2: Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Jim Hamilton, Survivor Reunion. 3: Platte County Citizen, Jeanette Browning, The Wall.

7. **Best News or Feature Series**—1: Houston Herald, Kathy Richardson, War Stories. 2: Marshfield Mail, Linda Green, Jobs. 3: Jackson

County Advocate, Mary Kay Morrow, HM:HS.

8. **Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial**—1: Marshfield Mail, City Vehicles. 2: Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Shouting Fire. 3: Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Reassess.

9-H. **Best Columnist-Humorous**—1: Jackson County Advocate, Paul Thompson. 2: Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Dennis Minich. 3: Lee's Summit Journal, Emily Jarrett.

9-S. **Best Columnist-Serious**—1: Nixa Xpress, Ryan Bowling. 2: Platte County Citizen, Lee Stubbs. 3: Lee's Summit Journal, John Beaudoin.

10-F. **Best Feature Photograph**—1: Lee's Summit Journal, Julie Scheidegger, Wear Pink. 2: Branson Tri-Lakes News, Joshua Clark, New Show. 3: Branson Tri-Lakes News, Mindy Honey, Thanks. HM: Cass Co. Democrat-Missourian, Ashley Freburg, Mutton Bustin'. HM: Warren Co. Record, Derrick Forsythe, In League.

10-I. **Best Photo Illustration**—1: Jackson County Advocate, Andrea Wood and Seann McAnally, One Block. 2: Lee's Summit Journal, Julie Scheidegger, Turf Liars. 3: Jackson County Advocate, Andrea Wood and Colleen May, Founding Family.

10-N. **Best News Photograph**—1: Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Ashley Freburg, Cario Dance. 2:

Houston Herald, Brad Gentry, Sheriff's Car. 3: Lee's Summit Journal, Julie Scheidegger, House Fire. HM: Lee's Summit Journal, Julie Scheidegger, Wreck.

10-S. **Best Sports Photograph**—1: Lee's Summit Journal, Julie Scheidegger, Defeat. 2: Lee's Summit Journal, Stephen Bubalo, Tower of Power. 3: Lee's Summit Journal, Julie Scheidegger, One in Hand. HM: Houston Herald, Jeff McNiell, Catch. HM: Lee's Summit Journal, Julie Scheidegger, Rain Delay.

11. **Best Photo Package**—1: Warren County Record, Fair. 2: Warren County Record, Bill Barrett, Deutsch Country. 3: Marshfield Mail, Nick Snow and Linda Greer, County Fair. HM: Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Ashley Freburg and Stephanie Yeagle, Homecoming.

12-A. **Best Ad Idea/Advertiser**—1: Springfield Business Journal, Mar' Ellen Felin, Sustainable. 2: Springfield Business Journal, Mar' Ellen Felin, Make Over Team. 3: Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Billie Marsh, Football Flag. HM: The Odessan, Linda Gillis, Odessa's Heroes. HM: Springfield Business Journal, Mar' Ellen Felin, Who's Who.

12-N. **Best Ad Idea/Newspaper**—1: Springfield

Business Journal, Heather Mosley, VIP Pass. 2: Nixa Xpress, 50 Years. 3: The Odessan, Golden Milestone. **HM:** Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Billie Marsh, Holidays. **HM:** Springfield Business Journal, James Phinney, SBJ.net/life.

13. Best News Content—1: Branson Tri-Lakes News. 2: Springfield Business Journal. 3: Bolivar Herald-Free Press.

14. Community Service Award—1: Jackson County Advocate, Memorial Scholarship.

15. Best Editorial Page—1: Bolivar Herald-Free Press. 2: Branson Tri-Lakes News. 3: Lee's Summit Journal.

16. Best Sports Page—1: Warren Co. Record, Derrick Forsythe. 2: Branson Tri-Lakes News, Pat Dailey. 3: Platte Co. Citizen, Lee Stubbs.

17. Best Sports News Story or Package—1: Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Stephanie Yeagle, Sherwood Coach. 2: Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Bill Breshears, Cross Country. 3: Jackson County Advocate, Paul Thompson, Higher Leaps.

18. Best Sports Feature Story—1: Lee's Summit Journal, Stephen Bubalo, Decisions. 2: Warren County Record, Derrick Forsythe, Tour of Duty. 3: Marshfield Mail, Ryan Cornelius, Mason Hinkle. **HM:** Lee's Summit Journal, Stephen Bubalo, Iraq Basketball. **HM:** Platte County Citizen, Jerry Keuhn, Kayaking.

19. Best Sports Columnist—**HM:** Lee's Summit Journal, Stephen Bubalo.

20. Best Special Section—1: Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Vision 20/20. 2: Nixa Xpress, 50 Years. 3: Houston Herald, Kathy Richardson, Reenactment.

21. Best Investigative Reporting—1: Lee's Summit Journal, Miranda Wycoff, Documents Confirm. **HM:** Jackson County Advocate, Paul Thompson, Inn Closes.

22. Best Local Business Coverage—1: Springfield Business Journal, Eric Olson. 2: Houston Herald. 3: Cass County Democrat-Missourian.

23. Best Business Story—1: Lee's Summit Journal, Emily Jarrett, Create Local. 2: Lee's Summit Journal, Miranda Wycoff, RED. 3: Cass Co. Democrat-Missourian, Ashley Freburg, Peculiar Place.

24. Best Coverage of Government—1: Lee's Summit Journal, Finances. 2: Marshfield Mail, City Vehicles. 3: Houston Herald, Brad Gentry, Anderson. **HM:** Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Charlotte Marsch and Sarah West, Aquatic Center. **HM:** Lee's Summit Journal, Mayor ousted.

25. Best Coverage of Rural Life/Agriculture—1: Buffalo Reflex.

26. Best Rural Life/Ag Story—1: Marshfield Mail, Linda Greer, Dexter. 2: Bolivar Herald-Free



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27. **Best Story About Religion**—2: Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Sarah West, Planting Seeds. 3: Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Ashley Freburg, AIDS Relief.

28. **Best Story About Education**—1: Jackson County Advocate, Mary Kay Morrow, Perfect Touch. 2: Lee's Summit Journal, Emily Jarrett, Staying on Track. 3: Lee's Summit Journal, Emily Jarrett, Hunter Runs.

29. **Best Story About the Outdoors**—1: Platte County Citizen, Bill Graham, Bird Dogs. 2: Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Sarah West, Steve Criner. 3: Jackson County Advocate, Paul Thompson, Carving a Niche.

30. **Best Story About History**—1: Lee's Summit Journal, Miranda Wycoff, Flight to Remember. 2: Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Ashley Freburg, Pitts Chapel. 3: Houston Herald, Kathy Richardson.

31. **Best Coverage of Family Living**—1: Jackson County Advocate. 2: Bolivar Herald-Free Press.

32. **Best Coverage of Young People**—1: Lee's Summit Journal. 2: Bolivar Herald-Free Press.

33. **Best Page Design**—1: Springfield Business Journal, Aaron Scott, Springfield. 2: Lee's Summit Journal, Miranda Wycoff, Downtown. 3: Houston Herald, Road Ahead.

34. **Best Information Graphic**—1: Lee's Summit Journal, Cable vs. Concrete. 2: Lee's Summit Journal, Candidate Numbers. 3: Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Charlotte Marsch, Street Paving.

35. **Best Editorial Cartoon**—1: Lee's Summit Journal, Mike Gempeler, Crybaby. 2: Houston Herald, Kathy Richardson, Digging Deeper. 3: Houston Herald, R.T. Smith, Monkey.

36. **Best Newspaper in Education Program**—1: Eldon Advertiser. 2: The Odessan, Renee Spaar and Staff. 3: Warren County Record.

37. **Best Online Newspaper or Website**—1: Springfield Business Journal, Geoff Pickle. 2: Douglas County Herald, Josh Hoppe. HM: Houston Herald, Jeff McNiell and Brad Gentry.

39. **Best Headline Writing**—1: Lee's Summit Journal. 2: Jackson County Advocate.

Weeklies, Class 4

(Gold Medal: St. Louis Business Journal)

1. **General Excellence**—1: St. Louis American. 2: St. Louis Business Journal. 3: Missouri Lawyers Weekly. HM: Washington Missourian Wednesday.

2. **Best Front-to-Back Newspaper Design**—1: St. Louis Business Journal. 2: St. Louis American. 3: Missouri Lawyers Weekly. HM: Guidon.

3. **Best Front Page**—1: Missouri Lawyers Week-

ly. 2: Liberty Tribune. 3: Guidon.

4. **Best Breaking News Story**—1: Washington Missourian Wednesday, Ed Pruneau, Charge Suspect. 2: Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Allison Retka, Goes Nuclear. 3: St. Louis Business Journal, E.B. Solomunt and Angela Mueller, Hospital Ruling.

5. **Best News Story**—1: Washington Missourian Wednesday, Bill Miller Jr., Defeated. 2: Washington Missourian Weekend, Ed Pruneau, No Charge. 3: Arnold-Imperial Leader, Kim Robertson, Free Digs. HM: Northeast News, Emily Randall, Murdered Teen.

6. **Best Feature Story**—1: Washington Missourian Wednesday, Bill Miller Jr., Defeated. 2: St. Charles Journal, Raymond Castile, Waitkoss. 3: Jefferson County Leader, Laura Marlow, Enormous Egg. HM: Jefferson County Leader, Rebecca Bishop, Unstoppable.

7. **Best News or Feature Series**—1: St. Charles Journal, Steve Campbell, Homeless. 2: Jefferson County Leader, For Richer. 3: St. Louis Business Journal, Bank Woes. HM: Washington Missourian Weekend, Ed Pruneau and Tim Schmidt, Bottom Road.

8. **Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial**—1: Washington Missourian Wednesday, Good News, Mayor! 2: St. Charles Journal, Vegas Trip. 3: Liberty Tribune, Giving Oaks.

9-H. **Best Columnist-Humorous**—1: St. Charles Journal, Steve Pokin. 2: Jefferson County Leader, Patrick Martin. 3: Jefferson County Journal, Kevin Carbery.

9-S. **Best Columnist-Serious**—1: South County Times, Don Corrigan. 2: Jefferson County Leader, Patrick Martin.

10-F. **Best Feature Photograph**—1: Liberty Tribune, Matt Frye, Aderal. 2: Liberty Tribune, Grad Kids. 3: Washington Missourian Wednesday, Jeanne Miller Wood, Take a Ride. HM: Webster-Kirkwood Times, Diane Linsley, Monarch.

10-I. **Best Photo Illustration**—1: St. Louis Business Journal, Michael Behrens, Charter Snake.

2: St. Louis Business Journal, Michael Behrens, Anheuser-Busch. 3: St. Louis Business Journal, Michael Behrens, Foreclosures.

10-N. **Best News Photograph**—1: Washington Missourian Weekend, Nathan Woodside, Interstate Crash. 2: Washington Missourian Weekend, Jeanne Miller Wood, Vehicle Recovery. 3: Washington Missourian Wednesday, Jeanne Miller Wood, Hunt Robber. HM: Washington Missourian Weekend, Jeanne Miller Wood, Heavy Smoke.

10-S. **Best Sports Photograph**—1: West County Journal, Andrew Jansen, Pass Defense. 2: South County Journal, Rich Graefe, Intensity. 3: Arnold-Imperial Leader, Ted Howell, Rock Knocked. HM: St. Louis American, Wiley Price, One More Win.

11. **Best Photo Package**—1: Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Karen Elshout, Have Robe. 2: St. Charles Journal, Stephanie Eichmeyer, Snap Shots. 3: Liberty Tribune, Kyle Rivas, Do Si Do. HM: Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Karen Elshout, Fighter. HM: Webster-Kirkwood Times, Diana Linsley, Turkey Day.

12-A. **Best Ad Idea or Promotion of an Advertiser**—2: St. Louis Business Journal, Dan Schriber, Kipp. 3: Washington Missourian Wednesday, Mindy Heidmann, Imo's Pizza.

12-N. **Best Ad Idea or Promotion of the Newspaper**—1: St. Louis American, Kevin Jones, Reader Calendar. 2: Washington Missourian Wednesday, Holiday Gift Pages. 3: St. Louis Business Journal, Dan Schriber, Patience.

13. **Best News Content**—1: St. Louis Business Journal. 2: Missouri Lawyers Weekly. 3: Jefferson County Leader.

14. **Community Service Award**—1: St. Louis American. 2: Washington Missourian. 3: St. Louis Business Journal.

15. **Best Editorial Pages**—1: Washington Missourian Wednesday, Bill Miller Sr. 2: St. Louis American.

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16. Best Sports Pages—1: Liberty Tribune, Chris Geinosky. 2: Washington Missourian Weekend. 3: Washington Missourian Wednesday. **HM**: Guidon, Matt Decker.

17. Best Sports News Story or Package—1: Jefferson County Journal, Dennis Barnidge, Drama. 2: Jefferson County Leader, Gordon Bess, De Soto Football. 3: St. Louis Business Journal, Christopher Tritto, Zero to 200.

18. Best Sports Feature Story—1: Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Anna Vitale, Fighter. 2: St. Louis Business Journal, Christopher Tritto, Rams Insurance. 3: South County Journal, David Kvidahl, Last Hurrah. **HM**: Jefferson County Leader, Gordon Bess, Activities Director. **HM**: Jefferson County Journal, Dennis Barnidge, Surviving.

19. Best Sports Columnist—1: Liberty Tribune, Chris Geinosky. 2: Jefferson County Leader, Gordon Bess. 3: Washington Missourian Wednesday, Bill Battle. **HM**: St. Louis American, Mike Claiborne.

20. Best Special Section—1: Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Jill Miller and Jason Lewton, Practically Everything. 2: Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Jill Miller and Jess Huang, 31 Days. 3: St. Louis Business Journal, 30 Under 30. **HM**: St. Louis American, Diversity.

21. Best Investigative Reporting—1: St. Charles Journal, Steve Pokin, Las Vegas. 2: Jefferson County Leader, Big Bucks.

22. Best Local Business Coverage—1: St. Louis American. 2: Washington Missourian Wednesday. 3: Liberty Tribune.

23. Best Business Story—1: St. Louis Business Journal, Christopher Tritto, Rare Earth. 2: St. Louis Business Journal, Angela Mueller and

Christopher Tritto, St. Louis Stocks. 3: Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Allison Retka, Yellow Pages. **HM**: Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Christine Simmons, Healthcare Law.

24. Best Coverage of Government—1: Jefferson County Leader, For richer. 2: St. Louis Business Journal, Tobacco tax. 3: St. Louis American.

26. Best Story About Rural Life Or Agriculture—1: Jefferson County Leader, Laura Marlow, Ouch! 2: Liberty Tribune, Ray Weikal, New B&B.

27. Best Story About Religion—1: Webster-Kirkwood Times, Don Corrigan, Religious Differences. 2: South County Times, Don Corrigan, See Jesus? 3: Washington Missourian Wednesday, Karen Cernich, Celebrating Sisterhood.

28. Best Story About Education—1: Missourian Weekend, Karen Cernich, Pets Go. 2: Missourian Weekend, Karen Cernich, Fitness Revolution. 3: Liberty Tribune, Ray Weikal, Hope Factor.

29. Best Story About the Outdoors—1: Webster-Kirkwood Times, Don Corrigan, Stay Safe. 2: Washington Missourian Wednesday, Karen Cernich, It Grows. 3: Liberty Tribune, Ray Weikal, On the Path.

30. Best Story About History—1: Jefferson County Leader, Laura Marlow, Wreck on River. 2: South County Journal, Chris Campbell, Baseball Heaven. 3: West County Journal, Mary Shapiro, Fashionable.

31. Best Coverage of Family Living—1: Liberty Tribune. 2: Washington Missourian Wednesday. 3: Missourian Weekend.

32. Best Coverage of Young People—1: Washington Missourian Weekend. 2: Washington Mis-

sourian Wednesday. 3: St. Louis American.

33. Best Page Design—1: St. Charles Journal, Stephanie Eichmeyer, Roots. 2: North County Journal, Chris Oth, 500 Win. 3: Liberty Tribune, Chris Geinosky, Top 10. **HM**: St. Louis Business Journal, Michael Behrens and Alison Green, 30 under 30.

34. Best Information Graphic—1: St. Louis Business Journal, Michael Behrens, Energizer Bunny. 2: St. Louis Business Journal, Michael Behrens, Landing Fees. 3: St. Louis Business Journal, Michael Behrens, Tobacco Tax. **HM**: St. Louis Business Journal, Alison Green, Stocks Dip.

35. Best Editorial Cartoon—1: Jefferson County Leader, Judy Dixon, Budget Cleavers. 2: Northeast News, Bryan Stalder, Election Day. 3: St. Louis American, Angelita Jackson, For Sale. **HM**: Jefferson County Leader, Judy Dixon, Go Bristol.

36. Best Newspaper in Education Program—1: Washington Missourian Weekend.

37. Best Online Paper or Website—2: St. Louis American. **HM**: St. Louis Business Journal.

38. Best Video—1: St. Louis American, Rebecca Rivas, Female Chief. **HM**: St. Louis American, Rebecca Rivas, Refugee.

39. Best Headline Writing—1: Missouri Lawyers Weekly. 2: St. Louis American.

Dailies, Class 1

(Gold Medal: Warrensburg Daily Star-Journal)
40. General Excellence—1: The Daily Star-Journal. 2: Richmond News. 3: Rolla Daily News.

41. Best Front-to-Back Newspaper Design—1: The Daily Star-Journal. 2: The Neosho Daily

News.

42. **Best Front Page**—1: Rolla Daily News. 2: Richmond News. 3: The Daily Star-Journal.

43. **Best Breaking News Story**—1: The Neosho Daily News-John Ford, Guilty. 2: The Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Fine Takes House. 3: The Neosho Daily News-Amye Buckley, Water Rescue.

44. **Best News Story**—1: The Daily Star-Journal-Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia, County Jail. 2: The Daily Star-Journal-Sue Sterling, Hip Recall. 3: Richmond News-David Knopf, Hockemeier. HM: Rolla Daily News-DawnDee Bostwick, Barriers.

45. **Best Feature Story**—1: The Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles. 2: Lake Sun-Jennifer Hollis, Superhero. 3: Lake Sun-Rance Burger, Invasion.

46. **Best News or Feature Series**—1: Neosho Daily News-Amye Buckley, A Different World. 2: Fulton Sun-Katherine Cummins, Alternative School. 3: Fulton Sun-Chris Waller, Fulton State Hospital. HM: Daily Statesman-Noreen Hyslop, Special Needs. HM: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles.

47. **Best Editorial**—1: Daily Star-Journal, Cut House. 2: Daily Star-Journal, Ignore Voters. 3: Daily Statesman, Farewell.

48-H. **Best Columnist-Humorous**—1: Lake Sun-Jennifer Hollis, My Story.

48-S. **Best Columnist-Serious**—1: Kirksville Daily Express-Jason Hunsicker. 2: John Tucker, Camdenton Lake Sun.

49-N. **Best News Photograph**—1: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Fiery wreck. 2: Neosho Daily News-Wes Franklin, Flood rescue. 3: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Bike wreck.

49-F. **Best Feature Photograph**—1: Richmond News-JoEllen Black, Day of Prayer. 2: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Drummer Boy. 3: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Sideways. HM: Daily Statesman-Noreen Hyslop, Let it Snow. HM: Monett Times-Melanie Roberts, Ferris Wheel.

49-I. **Best Photo Illustration**—2: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles. 3: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles.

49-S. **Best Sports Photograph**—1: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Double Take Down. 2: Richmond News-JoEllen Black, Hanging On. 3: Neosho Daily News-Rick Rogers, Tip Off. HM: Daily Statesman-Jerry Jarrell, Dive: Stretched out. HM: Daily Star-Journal-Corey Edwards, Interception.

50. **Best Photo Package**—1: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Unused. 2: Neosho Daily News-Rick Rogers, Eye on Education. 3: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Dance A Thon. HM: Daily Statesman-Corey Noles and Noreen Hyslop, Re-

membering. HM: Fulton Sun-Stephanie Backus, Bubbles.

52. **Best News Content**—1: Neosho Daily News. 2: Daily Star-Journal. 3: Rolla Daily News. HM: Monett Times.

53. **Community Service Award**—1: Lake Sun, Fit and Fun Challenge. 2: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Jail Tax.

54. **Best Editorial Page**—2: Daily Star-Journal.

55. **Best Sports Pages**—2: Neosho Daily News. 3: Daily Star-Journal-Corey Edwards.

56. **Best Sports News Story or Package**—1: Fulton Sun-Ryan Boland, Benner's Title Touch. 2: Neosho Daily News-Rick Rogers, Neosho Football. 3: Daily Star-Journal-Corey Edwards, Road to Glory.

57. **Best Sports Feature Story**—1: Monett Times-Jared Lankford, Against All Odds. 2: Fulton Sun-Ryan Boland, Daughter's Gift. 3: Rolla Daily News-Dave Roberts, The Game. HM: Neosho Daily News-Rick Rogers, Dynamic Duo.

58. **Best Sports Columnist**—1: Rolla Daily News-Dave Roberts. 2: Republican Times-Seth Herrold.

59. **Best Special Section**—1: Lake Sun, Veterans Day. 2: Daily Star-Journal-Amanda Lubinski. 3: Neosho Daily News, Our Town. HM: Lake Sun, Game Night.

61. **Best Local Business Coverage**—3: Daily Star-Journal.

62. **Best Business Story - News or Feature**—1: Fulton Sun-Katherine Cummins, The Nest. 2: Daily Statesman-Noreen Hyslop, Culture Collide. 3: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Energy Bill.

63. **Best Coverage of Government**—1: Rich-

mond News-Sean Comer, Audit. 2: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, County Jail. 3: Daily Star-Journal, Session Ends. HM: Rolla Daily News, Kohl's.

65. **Best Story About Rural Life Or Agriculture**—1: Richmond News-David Knopf, Prop B. 2: Richmond News-David Knopf, Election Night. 3: Daily Statesman-Noreen Hyslop, Wild Haven.

66. **Best Story About Education**—1: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, District Fails. 2: The Daily Star-Journal-Amanda Lubinski and Teresa Shane, State Testing. 3: Fulton Sun-Website Offers. HM: The Daily Statesman-Open Enrollment.

67. **Best Story About the Outdoors**—1: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Egrets. 2: Daily Statesman-Noreen Hyslop, Making a Difference.

68. **Best Story About History**—1: Richmond News-David Knopf, Last Chapter. 2: Daily Star-Journal-Cynthia Nold, Rain nor Snow.

71. **Best Page Design**—2: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Election. 3: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles and Corey Edwards, Mules.

72. **Best Information Graphic**—1: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Bunker Buster. 2: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Enrollment. 3: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Red Ink.

73. **Best Editorial Cartoon**—1: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Money Bags 2: Daily Star-Journal-Jack Miles, Zombie Train.

74. **Best Newspaper in Education Program**—1: Daily Star-Journal-Teresa Shane.

77. **Best Story About Religion**—1: Richmond News-David Knopf, Biblical Comfort. 2: Rolla Daily News-R.D. Hohenfeldt, Cowboy Culture. 3: Daily Statesman-Noreen Hyslop, Grace.

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Dailies, Class 2

(Gold Medal: Columbia Missourian)

40. General Excellence—1: The Examiner. 2: Columbia Missourian. 3: Sedalia Democrat.

41. Best Front-to-Back Newspaper Design—1: Columbia Missourian. 2: Sedalia Democrat. 3: The Daily Record.

42. Best Front Page—1: Columbia Missourian. 2: The Examiner. 3: Sedalia Democrat.

43. Best Breaking News Story—1: Columbia Missourian—Chris Hamby, Erickson Recants. 2: The Examiner—Michael Glover, Missing Man. 3: Sedalia Democrat—Matthew Steingraber, Copter Crash.

44. Best News Story—1: Columbia Missourian—Washington Gikunju, 800 Jobs. 2: Daily American Republic—Tim Krakowiak, Nursing Student. 3: Daily Record—Julie Turner-Crawford, Council Retracts. **HM:** Daily Record—Julie Turner-Crawford, Teens. **HM:** Sedalia Democrat—Matthew Steingraber, Operation Erin.

45. Best Feature Story—1: Examiner—Jeff Martin, Cut Above. 2: Columbia Missourian—Brad Racino, Giving Back. 3: Examiner—Adrienne DeWeese, Mother's Love. **HM:** Examiner—Adrienne DeWeese, Just Like Dad.

46. Best News or Feature Series—1: Columbia Missourian—That's Life. 2: Daily Record—Julie Turner-Crawford, Proposition B. 3: Columbia Missourian—Matt Pearce, Oil Spill. **HM:** Columbia Missourian, Drink up. **HM:** Daily Quill—Tamura Whiteside/Crystal Daniels, Bat Scratch.

47. Best Editorial—1: Sedalia Democrat, K2 Ban. 2: Daily Quill, Constitution. 3: Daily Record—Julie Turner-Crawford, The Law.

48-H. Best Columnist-Humorous—1: Columbia Missourian—Molly Harbarger. 2: Columbia Missourian—Michael Grinfeld. 3: Columbia Missourian—Kelsey Whipple.

48-S. Best Columnist-Serious—1: Sedalia Democrat—Bob Satnan. 2: Columbia Missourian—Erin O'Neil. 3: Columbia Missourian—George Kennedy: Strong opinions.

49-F. Best Feature Photograph—1: Sedalia Democrat—Sydney Brink, Overalls. 2: Daily Quill—Crystal Daniels, Welcome Home. 3: Examiner—Adam Vogler, No Like. **HM:** Daily Record—Fines Massey, Play ball!

49-I. Best Photo Illustration—1: Examiner—Adam Vogler, Team Effort. 2: Columbia Missourian—Andrew Williams, Smashed Clock. 3: Colum-

bia Missourian—Eve Edelheit, Stripped Bare.

49-N. Best News Photograph—1: Sedalia Democrat—Sydney Brink, Lucky Dog. 2: Columbia Missourian—Alex Giddings, Fire Causes. 3: Daily Record—Tammy Helm-Teter, Murder-Suicide.

49-S. Best Sports Photograph—1: Columbia Missourian—Eve Edelheit, Roar! 2: Examiner—Adam Vogler, Point! 3: Sedalia Democrat—Sydney Brink, In the net. **HM:** Examiner—Adam Vogler, Goal!

50. Best Photo Package—1: Columbia Missourian—Jeff Lautenberger and Andrew Williams,



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Roots in Blues. 2: Columbia Missourian, Drink up. **HM:** Columbia Missourian—Alex Giddings, Boone Life. **HM:** Columbia Missourian—Jeff Lautenberger, Runners.

51-A. Best Ad Idea or Promotion of an Advertiser—1: Columbia Missourian, Homecoming.

51-N. Best Ad Idea or Promotion for the Newspaper—1: Sedalia Democrat, Award Winners.

52. Best News Content—1: Examiner. 2: Columbia Missourian 3: Sedalia Democrat.

53. Community Service Award—1: Columbia Missourian, Open Records. 2: The Examiner, Wall That Heals.

55. Best Sports Pages—1: Columbia Missourian. 2: Examiner. 3: Sedalia Democrat.

56. Best Sports News Story or Package—1: Columbia Missourian, Homecoming. 2: Sedalia Democrat—Kyle Smith, Cool Cats. **HM:** The Daily Quill—Allison Wilson, Record Breaker.

57. Best Sports Feature Story—1: Columbia Missourian—Len Goldman, Playing Through Silence. 2: The Examiner—Bill Althaus, Exceptional. 3: Columbia Missourian—Harry Plumer, Women Rule. **HM:** Columbia Missourian—Robert Mays, Coming Back.

58. Best Sports Columnist—1: The Examiner—

Bill Althaus.

59. Best Special Section—1: Columbia Missourian, Sustainability Issue. 2: Columbia Missourian, Tiger Kickoff. 3: Columbia Missourian, Collegetown.

60. Best Investigative Reporting—1: Columbia Missourian—Patrick Sweet, Whistle Blowers. **HM:** Columbia Missourian—Elisa Essner, Fields Convicted.

61. Best Local Business Coverage—1: Columbia Missourian. 2: Sedalia Democrat. 3: Examiner.

62. Best Business Story - News or Feature—1: Columbia Missourian—Robert Johnson, Recycle. 2: Daily Record—Ken York, From the Ashes. 3: Daily Record—Fines Massey, Haunting.

63. Best Coverage of Government—1: Columbia Missourian. 2: Sedalia Democrat. 3: Daily Record.

64. Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture—3: Daily Record—Fines Massey.

65. Story About Rural Life Or Agriculture—1: Columbia Missourian—Han Cheung, That time of year. 2: Columbia Missourian—

Lydia Mulvany, Japanese Beef. 3: Sedalia Democrat—Bob Satnan, Swine Pavilion.

66. Best Story About Education—1: Columbia Missourian—Genevieve Conti, Adults in College. 2: Columbia Missourian—Bryan Richardson. 3: Daily Record—Fines Massey, It's a long shot.

67. Best Story About the Outdoors—1: Daily Record—Ken York, Bear Necessities. 2: Columbia Missourian—Katy Bergen, Sturgeon 1094. 3: Columbia Missourian—Regina Wang, Ancient Weapon.

68. Best Story About History—1: Sedalia Democrat—Dennis Rich, Coffee Pot Café. 2: Columbia Missourian—Katy Bergen, Undoing Ignorance. 3: Sedalia Democrat—Latisha Koetting, They served. **HM:** Columbia Missourian—Dan Claxton, New Lease. **HM:** Columbia Missourian—Katie Bevan and Mitch Ryals, Fading Generation.

69. Best Coverage of Family Living—1: Columbia Missourian, Blooming Backyard.

70. Best Coverage of Young People—1: The Examiner. 2: Mexico Ledger—Kimberly Long.

71. Best Page Design—1: Examiner—Sheila Davis, Wounds of War. 2: Examiner—Sheila Davis, Perfect Match. 3: Columbia Missourian, Be Our Guest.

72. **Best Information Graphic**—1: Columbia Missourian-Tanya Ortiz, Missouri Lottery. 2: Columbia Missourian-Patrick Sweet, Executions. 3: Columbia Missourian-Erica Mendez, Taking a look.

75. **Best Video**—1: Sedalia Democrat-John Hansen, Bomber's Mix. 2: Sedalia Democrat-John Hansen, Pilot Grove. 3: Sedalia Democrat-John Hansen, Warsaw Softball.

76. **Best Headline Writing**—1: The Examiner. 2: Columbia Missourian. 3: Daily Record.

77. **Best Story About Religion**—1: Columbia Missourian-Darren Orf, Less Traveled. 2: Columbia Missourian-Brian Pellot, A Journey. 3: Columbia Missourian-Kelsey Whipple, Your Mother.

Dailies, Class 3

(Gold Medal: The Kansas City Star.)

40. **General Excellence**—1: Kansas City Star. 2: St. Louis Post-Dispatch. 3: St. Joseph News-Press.

41. **Best Front-to-Back Newspaper Design**—2: St. Joseph News-Press. 3: St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

42. **Best Front Page**—1: Springfield News-Leader. 2: St. Joseph News-Press. 3: St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

43. **Best Breaking News Story**—1: Jefferson City News Tribune-Gerry Tritz and Jeff Haldiman, Rampage. 2: Kansas City Star-Joe Robertson, Schools Close. 3: St. Louis Post-Dispatch, ABB. HM: St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Bus Crash.

44. **Best News Story**—1: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Christine Byers, Heroin. 2: Kansas City Star-Christine Vendel, Tony Rizzo, Waldo Rape. 3: Joplin Globe-Jeff Lehr, Missing Pieces. HM: Columbia Daily Tribune-TJ Greeny, Cause of Death.

45. **Best Feature Story**—1: Kansas City Star-Sarah Benson, Turning Points. 2: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Todd C. Frankel, Grizzlies. 3: Columbia Daily Tribune-Aarik Danielsen, Doubly Rich. HM: Kansas City Star-David Klepper and Jill Silva, Food Deserts.

46. **Best News or Feature Series**—1: Kansas City Star-Joe Robertson, Eric Adler, Rick Montgomery, Mark Davis, Saving 17,000 Kids. 2: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Phillip O'Connor, J.B. Forbes, Stephen Deere and Doug Moore, Haiti Quake. 3: Kansas City Star-Laura Bauer, Childhood Hunger.

47. **Best Editorial**—1: Kansas City Star, Mr. President. 2: St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Justice. 3: Springfield News-Leader, Settle Dispute.

48-H. **Best Columnist-Humorous**—1: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Bill McClellan. 2: Kansas City Star-Mike Hendricks. 3: St. Joseph News-Press-Alonzo Weston. HM: St. Joseph News-Press-Steve Booher.

48-S. **Best Columnist-Serious**—1: Springfield News-Leader-David Iseman. 2: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Kevin Horrigan. 3: St. Joseph News-Press-Alonzo Weston. HM: Kansas City Star-Mike Hendricks. HM: Kansas City Star-Mary Sanchez.

49-F. **Best Feature Photograph**—1: Columbia Tribune-Joshua A. Bickel, Sad Apples. 2: St. Joseph News-Press-Jessica Stewart, Therapy Dog. 3: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-David Carson, Down the Hatch. HM: Columbia Tribune-Don Shrubshell, Total Wreck. HM: St. Joseph News-Press-Eric Keith, Spinning Seeds.

49-I. **Best Photo Illustration**—1: Jefferson City News Tribune-Stacy King, Nincompoops. 2: Joplin Globe-Roger Nomer, Loud Library. 3: Kansas City Star-Chris Oberholtz, Korean War. HM: St. Joseph News-Press-Eric Keith, Intervention. HM: Columbia Tribune-Parker Eshelman, Coming Through.

49-N. **Best News Photograph**—1: Joplin Globe-T. Rob Brown, Salazar Funeral. 2: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Robert Cohen, Mayor slain. 3: Columbia Tribune-Nick King, Theatre Destroyed. HM: Columbia Tribune-Gerry Tritz and Jeff Haldiman, Providence Wreck. HM: Kansas City Star-Keith Myers, Police Standoff.

49-S. **Best Sports Photograph**—1: Kansas City Star-John Sleezer, Closeout. 2: Joplin Globe-T. Rob Brown, Duel Challenge. 3: Kansas City Star-David Eulitt, Explosive Run. HM: Columbia Tribune-Parker Eshelman, Reach Back. HM: Joplin Globe-Roger Nomer, Blocked.

50. **Best Photo Package**—1: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Chris Lee, All Metro 2010. 2: Kansas City Star-Allison Long, All Man. 3: Kansas City Star-David Eulitt, Arkansas Traveler. HM: Kansas City Star-Jill Toyoshiba, Roller Derby. HM: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Robert Cohen, Kodachrome.

51-A. **Best Ad Idea or Promotion of an Advertiser**—1: Kansas City Star-Robin Langdon, Jacquie Lehatto, Mike Fitzgerald, KC Flavor. 2: Kansas City Star-Robin Langdon, Jacquie Lehatto, John Revenaugh, New Arrowhead. 3: Springfield News-Leader, Pink for Life. HM: Springfield News-Leader, Stopping Diabetes.

51-N. **Best Ad Idea or Promotion of the Newspaper**—1: Kansas City Star-Tom Lore, Vana Sweetland, Sale Safari. 2: Kansas City Star-Tod Machin, Jacquie Lehatto, Scored a Hit. 3: Kansas City Star-Mike Nickells, Mike Fitzgerald, Sunday Drive. HM: Kansas City Star-Tod Machin, Linda Cruse, Green Life.

52. **Best News Content**—1: Kansas City Star. 2: St. Louis Post-Dispatch. 3: Springfield News-Leader.

53. **Community Service Award**—1: Kansas City Star-Joe Robertson, Eric Adler, Rick Montgomery, Mark Davis, School Series. 2: Kansas City Star-Anne Spenner, Democracy Project.

54. **Best Editorial Page**—1: Springfield News-Leader. 2: St. Louis Post-Dispatch. 3: Kansas City Star.

55. **Best Sports Pages**—1: Kansas City Star. 2: Columbia Tribune. 3: St. Louis Post-Dispatch. HM: Joplin Globe.

56. **Best Sports News Story or Package**—1: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Vahe Gregorian and Stu Durando, Football Conferences. 2: Kansas City Star-Michael Mansur and Blair Kerkhoff, Top Pay. 3: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Stu Durando, Bryan Burwell, Jeremy Rutherford, Tom Timmerman, Derrick Goold and Kathleen Nelson, Head Injuries. HM: St. Joseph News-Press-Andrew DeWitt and Cody Thorn, Tjeerdsma Retires.

57. **Best Sports Feature Story**—1: Kansas City Star-Kent Bass, Brain on Football. 2: Kansas City Star-J. Brady McCollough, Golden Journey. 3: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Bryan Burwell, Growing Up Bradford. HM: Springfield News-Leader-Michael Stacy, Praying for a Miracle. HM: St. Joseph News-Press-Andrew DeWitt, Passion in Classroom.

58. **Best Sports Columnist**—1: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Bryan Burwell. 2: Kansas City Star-Sam Mollinger. 3: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Bernie Miklasz.

59. **Best Special Section**—1: Kansas City Star, Football 2010. 2: Columbia Tribune, Our Town. 3: Kansas City Star, Fall Arts.

60. **Best Investigative Reporting**—1: Kansas City Star-Alan Bavley, Big Bucks U. 2: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Jeremy Kohler and Blythe Bernhard, Protecting Patients. 3: Kansas City Star-Mark Morris, Mike McGraw, Mike Mansur, J. Brady McCollough, KU Ticket Scandal. HM: Kansas City Star-Mike McGraw and Glenn E. Rice, Leon Jordan Stories. HM: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Blythe Bernhard and Jeremy Kohler, Medical Errors.

61. **Best Local Business Coverage**—1: Kansas City Star. 2: St. Louis Post-Dispatch. 3: Columbia Tribune. HM: Kansas City Star.

62. **Best Business Story - News or Feature**—1: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Matthew Hathaway, Money Pit. 2: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Steve Giegerich, Chrysler. 3: Kansas City Star-Scott Canon, Diane Stafford, Free Fall. HM: Columbia Tribune-Jodie Jackson, Sweet Deal.

63. **Best Coverage of Government**—1: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Jake Wagman. 2: Kansas City Star-Alan Bavley, Big Bucks U. 3: Jefferson City News-Tribune-Jeff Haldiman, Rosa Ruiz, Gerry Tritz, Rasmussen Debacle.

64. **Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture**—1: Kansas City Star.

65. **Best Story About Rural Life Or Agriculture**—1: Kansas City Star-Donald Bradley, Chicken Escape. 2: Kansas City Star-David

Klepper, American's New Look. 3: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Georgina Gustin, Egg Operators.

66. **Best Story About Education**—1: Kansas City Star-Rick Montgomery, Saving 17,000 Kids. 2: Kansas City Star-Alan Bavley, Big Bucks. 3: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Elisa Crouch, Second Chance. **HM:** Kansas City Star-Eric Adler, Laura Bauer, Yearbook Spots. **HM:** St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Jessica Bock and Virginia Young, Leaving.

67. **Best Story About the Outdoors**—1: Kansas City Star, Brent Frazee, Big Bucks. 2: Springfield News-Leader, Wes Johnson, Trout. 3: Kansas City Star, Roseanna Moring, Prairie Chicken. **HM:** Springfield News-Leader, Summer.

68. **Best Story About History**—1: Kansas City Star-Matt Campbell, Fountain Mystery. 2: Joplin Globe-Debby Woodin, Still Alive. 3: Springfield

News-Leader-Didi Tang, Denied.

69. **Best Coverage of Family Living**—1: Kansas City Star. 2: St. Joseph News-Press.

70. **Best Coverage of Young People**—1: Kansas City Star. 2: St. Louis Post-Dispatch. 3: Kansas City Star, Ink.

71. **Best Page Design**—1: Kansas City Star-Gentry Mullen, Trees that Please. 2: Jefferson City News-Tribune-Stacy King, Winner is. 3: Columbia Daily Tribune-Jason Tyler, Lunchtime Laments. **HM:** Kansas City Star-Neil Nekahodal, Brave New World. **HM:** Kansas City Star-Gentry Mullen, Taking Credit.

72. **Best Information Graphic**—1: Kansas City Star-David Eames & Kent Babb, Camping Out. 2: Kansas City Star-Gentry Mullen & Stacy

Downs, Know What. 3: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Tom Borgman, Cleaver Lead. **HM:** St. Joseph New-Press-George Stanton, Camp Map.

73. **Best Editorial Cartoon**—1: Kansas City Star-Lee Judge, Two Elephants. 2: Columbia Tribune-John Darkow, Tiger. 3: Kansas City Star-Lee Judge, Soldiers.

74. **Best Newspaper in Education Program**—1: St. Louis Post-Dispatch. 2: Springfield News-Leader. 3: Kansas City Star.

76 **Best Headline Writing**—1: Columbia Tribune.

77. **Best Story About Religion**—1: Kansas City Star-Laura Bauer, Open Eyes. 2: Springfield News-Leader-Linda Leicht, Ink. 3: St. Louis Post-Dispatch-Doug Moore, Urban Magnet.

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DECEMBER

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JANUARY

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This year's Missouri Press Convention was fantastic, and if you didn't come, we missed you! It's always nice to have a chance to talk to all of you informally about what's going on in your communities. And I especially enjoyed the chance to talk about a variety of intellectual property issues with those of you at my part of the program.

Since the convention, however, I have talked with one of our members who made me realize perhaps I needed to go into more detail about the basic issue of copyrighting your newspapers, for those of you who may not be taking this step. If you aren't, you should be, because it's easier (and cheaper) now than ever before!

First, let me say that just because you haven't copyrighted the content in your newspaper doesn't mean you don't have exclusive rights to what you write. Copyright law is based upon the premise that the very act of turning your thoughts into tangible written content creates a protectable interest in that content.

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When you want to designate that you claim a copyright for your material, you do that by inserting the copyright symbol (©) on the material that is copyrighted, whether it is the story or the newspaper as a whole. You should include the symbol, the year, and the owner of the copyright (ie: © 2011, The Maneke Law Group, L.C.).

As I said earlier, the registration process is very easy. I've always suggested to my clients that they can register their copyrights themselves, without paying for me to do that process, because filling out the forms is so simple.

And I discovered in answering this question for one of our members that it's easier now than ever before. There is one form that you can fill out online, rather than having to print and mail the form. You can even submit your copies electronically rather than mailing paper copies! And if you do it that way, your registration fee is less. You begin this process at the copyright site for the Library of Congress at www.copyright.gov/forms.

Once you have registered, you are good indefinitely. Yes, copyrights eventually expire, but I don't think any of us have to worry about that issue.

First, you need to know when the work was created. For works created after 1978, if held by a corporate entity, the copyright lasts for 95 years from publication or 120 years from creation. In short, if it's news, it sure won't be news at that point. If it's fiction, you might want to do some more thinking about this issue.

That's the short lesson on this subject, for those of you at my convention program who wanted to know more about a subject that I touched on briefly in reference to another topic. If you have more questions, of course, call me or check out the FAQ section on the copyright website.

And if you missed this year's convention, start making plans for next year when you can join the association in Columbia for the fun and fellowship, scheduled for Sept. 20-22. See you there!

Letter - Excelsior Springs

Thanks Missouri Press for great Convention

Dear MPA Staff, I wanted to personally thank you all for an outstanding job coordinating and implementing this year's Missouri Press Association Convention. An event of this size is no small task, yet you pulled it off wonderfully.

I found the breakout sessions very enlightening and have brought home loads of useful information for my staff. The guest speakers were inspirational and helped me realize I am not alone in this struggle to maintain a small community newspaper in this environment.

The camaraderie between publishers makes me proud to be a member of this press association and I hope future years will help me get to know them even better.

Thanks again for all your help. Great job, everyone!

Sincerely,
Brian Rice,

Excelsior Springs Standard

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October

- 2-8** — National Newspaper Week
- 5** — Missouri Press Ad Workshop, Bolivar
- 13-14** — Little Brown Jug Golf Tournament, MPA v. KPA, Topeka
- 19** — Missouri Press Ad Workshop, Eldon
- 20** — Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame Induction Program, Washington, Mo.
- 20-21** — Community Journalism Symposium, Reynolds Journalism Institute, Columbia
- 21** — Missouri Press Ad Workshop, Independence

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- 3** — Missouri Press Ad Workshop, Columbia, MPA office
- 19** — Mizzou v. Texas Tech Football, Columbia; MPA Tailgate two hours before kickoff, Hearn's Fieldhouse

January

- 11** — Missouri Press Ad Workshop, Troy

April

- 19-20** — Missouri Advertising Managers' annual meeting, Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia

September 2012

- 20-22** — Missouri Press Association 146th Annual Convention, Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia

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Brothers and co-presidents of Rust Communications, Jon and Rex Rust of Cape Girardeau, each will be president of the board of directors of a national newspaper association for 2012.

Jon Rust, publisher of the *Southeast Missourian*, will head the board of Suburban Newspapers of America. His term began Oct. 1.

Rex Rust will become president of the board of Inland Press Association.

The brothers are the sons of retired Rust executive and *Southeast Missourian* publisher Gary Rust and his wife, Wendy.



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